

Date – October 25, 2020

Scripture/Bible Story/Theme

Children's Illustrated Bible – p. 42-43

The Sacrifice of Isaac

God Will Provide

Workshop Name

Cotton Ball Ram

Opening Prayer

Dear God, Thank you for always providing us with what we need. Please guide our study today, and help us know Your word for our lives. Amen

Objectives

Locate the story in the Bible, Genesis 22:1-18.

Retell the story in their own words.

Understand that Abraham trusted in God's love and promises and obeyed God even when it was hard.

See the concept of Old Testament sacrifice and how it relates to Jesus being the "Lamb of God."

Understand that God willingly sacrificed his only Son, Jesus, for us.

Discuss ways God provides for us today.

Supplies – All supplies you will need for this activity will be in the brown supply bag. Those supplies include cotton balls, previously cut squares of poster board and the copy of the ram to use as a model to cut out.

Supplies to have at home include scissors, marking pens and glue.

Please note that I am also attaching a Reader's Theater titled Breaking News. Perhaps you and your family would enjoy reading this at home.

Activity

Read p. 42-42 to begin with. This is the first of two weeks spent on the sacrifice of Isaac so the passage will be read for the first time today.

For General Discussion during the ram activity:

Where was the story of Abraham found? Genesis

What is a covenant? A strong promise

What was the covenant God made with Abraham? That he would have many descendants, that he would have land and be blessed

What does Abraham mean? Father of many

Did God keep his covenant with Abraham? Yes

What is sacrifice all about? Proving something, in this case that Abraham was willing to follow God's directions

Why would God test Abraham so harshly? To test Abraham's love and his willingness to sacrifice his own son to prove it to God

Would Abraham have gone through with it? Probably to prove his love to God

What would you have done? Tough answer – maybe tried to talk to God again

****How if your life like a journey?

****What lessons has God taught you on your journey?

Pass out the attached ram. Have the children glue the ram to the poster board. Trim the surrounding poster board around the ram. Glue the cotton balls onto the ram's body. Use marking pens, crayons or colored pencils to color the horns, face and feet of the ram.

Reflection/Evaluation

Why did God test Abraham? What comparisons can you make between God and Jesus and Abraham and Isaac?

What are some promises that Mom and Dad or friends have had with you? Did they keep them all?

How do you feel knowing that God is with you always? Explain.

Lord's Prayer



What you will need:

glue
cotton balls
poster board or
cereal box front or back panel

Directions:

cut out ram
glue to poster board
trim excess poster board
glue on cotton balls to make ram fluffy
color horns, face, and feet

Breaking News

Readers

Pat – at the news desk

Chris at the news desk

Snoop A Round – a reporter

Just D Facts – a reporter

Abraham

Peter

Scene one – At the news desk

Scene two – At Abraham's house

Scene three – At the news desk

Scene four – With Peter just after Jesus' ascension.

Scene five – At the news desk

SCENE I - AT THE NEWS DESK

Chris: Welcome to Bible News – Channel 7.

Pat: With yesterday's news – and today's stories!

Chris: Today we are going to talk about promises.

Pat: These promises are not your Mom and Dad's Promises – but God's!

Chris: Wow! I sure wish God would make a promise to me.

Pat: Me too. I want to know more.

Chris: Let's find out! We sent our reporter, Snoop A. Round to talk to Abraham.

SCENE II – AT ABRAHAM'S HOUSE

Snoop A. Round: Snoop here! I have Abraham with me. Tell me what happened.

Abraham: I was minding my own business when the Lord appeared to me.

Snoop A. Round: What did he say?

Abraham: He said – Get this – if you follow me. I will greatly increase your numbers.

Snoop A. Round: So what did you say?

Abraham: Say? I was too afraid. I fell down on my face. Have you ever seen God?

Snoop A. Round: No. That would be freaky!

Abraham: It was - but God told me his promise was between him and I.

Snoop A. Round: What was God's promise to you?

Abraham: He said that I shall be the Father of many Nations if I left my old home with my wife and my relatives and my servants and everything I possessed and moved to a land that he would show me.

Snoop A. Round: Wow! That's a GREAT Deal. What else did God promise?

Abraham: God said that this promise was for me and my children's children and that my children's children will be as many in number as there are stars in the sky.

Snoop A. Round: But you're almost 100 years old. And... your wife Sari is – Old.

Abraham: Please. God changed her name to Sarah, which means princess.

Snoop A. Round: My bad – I did not know about the name change.

Abraham: No problem. God changed my name also. I was Abram now I'm Abraham.

Snoop A. Round: This means "Father of many!" Do you have any last words?

Abraham: I believe in God. His promises are true – even if I'm an old guy.

Snoop A. Round: That's a wrap – now back to the Chris and Pat at the News Desk.

SCENE III – AT THE NEWS DESK

Pat: Great Story! Do you know how it ended?

Chris: God kept his promise and Abraham and Sarah had a boy named Isaac a year later.

Pat: And Isaac had boys named Esau Jacob and Jacob had a son named Joseph.

Chris: Is that the kid with the coat of many colors?

Pat: Yes that's the one – but that's another story.

Chris: Did you realize that Abraham is the Great, Great, Great, Great, Great, Great, Great, Great,

Great, Great, Great, Great Grandfather of King David?

Pat: Wow – and he’s also the Great, Great a whole bunch of times, Grandfather of Jesus.

Chris: That’s cool how God keeps his promises.

Pat: Say.... Didn’t you say that you wished God made a promise to you?

Chris: I sure did. Don’t we all?

Pat: Well – I have some good news for you. We sent, Just D. Facts to talk to Peter about the late breaking news.

Chris: Just D. Facts – Where are you?

SCENE IV: WITH PETER JUST AFTER JESUS’S ASSENCION TO HEAVEN

Just D. Facts: I’m here with Peter – one of Jesus’ disciples.

Peter: Wow! That was amazing! It was totally freaky!

Just D. Facts: Tell me. What did you see?

Peter: We were chilling with Jesus – still freaked out by how he came back to life.

Just D. Facts: I know! It’s amazing. I’m so glad Jesus died on the cross for our sins.

Peter: Me to! Anyways – he was telling us that we will need to make disciples of all nations.

Just D. Facts: That’s cool.

Peter: And to Baptize everybody in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Just D. Facts: That’s awesome. But why are you freaked out?

Peter: Well - After he talked to us we went to this mountain and then he started to float up into Heaven.

Just D. Facts: Whoa! He just disappeared? He’s gone? He went bye bye?

Peter: Kind of....

Just D. Facts: Kind of? What do you mean?

Peter: He said, just before he went to heaven, “I am with you ALWAYS!”

Just D. Facts: So... he's with us even when he's not?

Peter: That's right! He is with us always! That is his promise to us.

Just D. Facts: So even though we can't see him – he is with us?

Peter: Yep! Just like Abraham – God keeps his promises – so...he will always be with us.

Just D. Facts: This is some great news! Back to the news desk

SCENE V – AT THE NEWS DESK

Chris: Hurray! Now that's some Good News!

Pat: Yep! When God makes promises – He keeps them!

Chris: Thanks for watching Bible News - Channel 7.

Pat: With yesterday's news – and today's stories! Good night everybody!

